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# NOTA BENE

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## Printing Snafu Forces All Students To Pay

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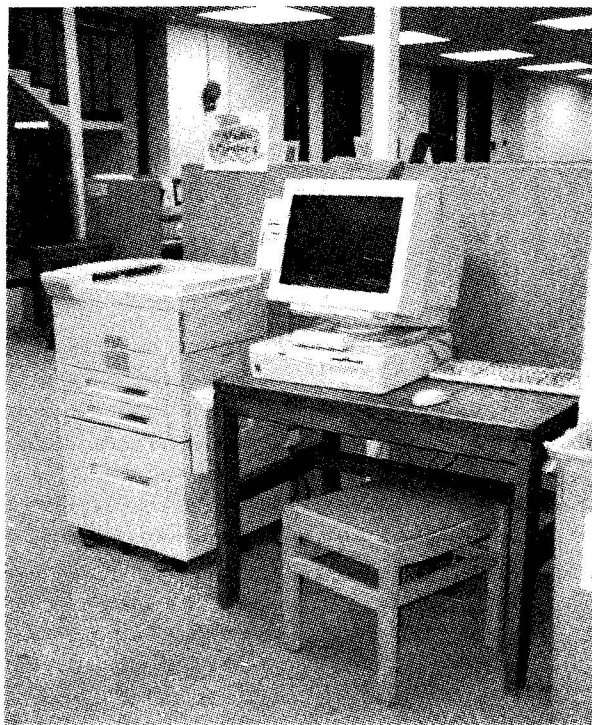
Adding insult to the injury of exam preparation, the Center for Academic Technologies announced the end of free printing in its GW computer labs effective the beginning of this semester. Students — including those printing outlines for law school exams — will now be charged seven cents per page. In a related decision that makes printing charges uniform across campus, the Jacob Burns Law Library announced that it has lowered printing and copying charges to seven cents per page, down from last year's eight cents rate. The Burns Library also purchased two laser printers over the summer, said Dean Scott Pagel, Director of the Burns Law Library. "If there's an increase in printing, we're ready," he said.

Notwithstanding the cost of printing from all campus computers, the 38,596 pages printed at the Burns Law Library during the first 21 days of this semester represent a 49 percent increase over the same period last year. Print jobs over that same period totaled 7,604 this year, a 25.6 percent increase over last year's figure. Pagel said this year's additional printing might be due to several factors, including the increased availability of course documents on the web portal as well as the lack of economic incentive to print in a CATs lab.

The new charges at the CATs labs are a dramatic shift in a printing policy that was being negotiated last spring by the Student Association and University administrators. The SA has responded to the new fee with a pair of resolutions that are expected to pass, indicating that the issue is far from settled. Pagel said that the CATs printing

charges were the result of a series of missteps by CATs administrators.

A University committee recommended several years



A Gelman Library printer with its new card reader to debit student printing accounts.

ago that charges for printing be instituted campus-wide to alleviate spiraling costs for the Gelman Library, the Medi-

cal Center libraries, CATs, and the Burns Law Library. The libraries began charging for printing, and CATs agreed to implement a charge as well, Dean Pagel noted. "This delighted me," said Dean Pagel, "because it meant [that] with a GWorld card, students could print here and not have to go to CATs. But CATs never got around to implementing the system, and mid-year [last year] CATs was going so broke that they installed a ceiling," Dean Pagel added.

As part of an agreement with the SA, last year CATs allotted each student 1,250 free pages and only assessed a charge after a student's printing went beyond the ceiling. The plan was the result of a study that indicated that a very small percentage of students were abusing printing privileges, which accounted for most of the printing volume. Only 7 percent of lab users exceeded the cap, the survey showed. CATs intended to continue the ceiling this fall, declining to use the GWorld card system used by the library computer labs. But, the alternative plan fell through, leaving CATs in a jam.

"Midway through the summer, the person who was designing their program left the University and left them in a lurch," Dean Pagel said. CATs was then forced to quickly implement the GWorld system already being used by the University's libraries to cover printing costs. The printing fee angered student leaders who had negotiated the ceiling policy last spring. One resolution presented before the SA last week decried the University's decision made in "total disregard of and in violation of both the letter and the spirit of its negotiations with the Student Association." Another resolution before the SA, sponsored by Law School senator Mark Hershfield, a 3L, calls on the

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## Here We Go Again: World Bank Protesters Again to Threaten GW Law School

By BRANDON MOSS  
News Editor

Many GW law students praise the location to downtown Washington, D.C.: the White House, the monuments, museums, and the Mall. Yet, the Law School is located right near the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank; in fact, Washington Law Books, frequented by many a law student at the beginning of the semester, is located in the lower level of a World Bank building. And, with what has become an annual event in the area, the Law School has put up plexiglass on its windows in recent weeks with hopes that the protesters will not cause total chaos. Up to 10,000 protesters are expected to descend

upon downtown Washington, D.C., according to the University's website.

In recent years, protesters have been attempting to exercise their First Amendment rights in response to the allegedly oppressive policies of the World Bank and IMF. Protesters support objectives that are anti-capitalist, anti-globalization, and anarchist, to name a few. There are a myriad of groups that have come to the area in the past to protest the IMF/World Bank meetings. Lea Tatelman, a 1L, thinks that "it's important that people are protesting IMF policies," based upon a course that she completed while in college. Tatelman said that she learned of the detrimental impact of the IMF upon women. Still, Tatelman intends to avoid the protests for safety reasons, although she adds that she does not feel safe in the city.

The protesters are coming to demonstrate at the same time that the IMF and World Bank hold their annual meetings. Already the threat of protests coupled with fewer police officers working in the city led to the cancellation of IMF/World Bank events up in the Woodley Park area of the District; now the meetings will be confined to the buildings adjacent to the Law School. Officially, the IMF/World Bank meetings will occur on September 28th and 29th, although there is a possibility that protesters

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## Too Early to Grade the FIP

By JOHN LOVRICH  
Staff Writer

Autumn is almost here, and the Fall Interview Program is almost over. Sort of ... for some of the 3Ls, it is finished, thankfully. But for the rest of the GW Law School student body, part of the everyday routine is the process of trying to find a position in this incredibly tight market. And for 1Ls, finding a legal job is something looming on the not-so-distant horizon.

The news so far this year is, to say the least, inconclusive. The Career Development Office ("CDO") cannot estimate the success (or failure) rate for those interviewing

through the FIP. Even the total number of participating firms, while assuredly large, has not been finalized by the CDO. Fred Thrasher, Director of the CDO, stated that, "it is too early to give any statistics for this year's FIP." Therefore, it is not a stretch to say that it is difficult at this point to ascertain what exactly the overall job placement rate is so far. One 3L, who requested to be unnamed, has been able to place himself in a rather desirable position. For this 3L, the FIP has worked out well, and there is a strong possibility that he will become a permanent employee at the firm where he previously served as a Summer Associate. To top it off, this 3L was able to land in the

geographic area of his choice, which, for some law students, still appears as a distant dream. In a sense, this 3L can definitely be considered a "success story," he openly admits to not being in the top single-digit percentile of his class when he found his Summer Associate position. This 3L's experience is a light at the end of this tunnel for those whose grades are not necessarily at the very top of the class.

**"[T]he firms are giving us very positive feedback. [They keep saying that] our students are exceptionally well-prepared for the entire interview process." Fred Thrasher, CDO Director**

Another 3L, Erin Rubenstein, has faced a little more difficulty in securing a position. The geographic region of Rubenstein's choice, Detroit, is, and has for a long time, been in a dire financial situation. Since Detroit can rightly be considered a "smaller market" than, for instance, New York or Washington, D.C., Rubenstein has found that there is much less attention devoted there through the FIP. The summer position that Rubenstein secured last year was acquired through his own contacts. Even though Rubenstein also has been taking advantage of the FIP, he is more skeptical about its usefulness, fairness, and overall success at the end of the day. "It seem[ed] to me that some firms had their minds made up before they even conducted the interviews", said Rubenstein. Nevertheless, both of these 3Ls would not hesitate to say that the FIP makes the entire job-

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## OPINIONS

# CDO Does Little for the Average Student

People come to law school to get jobs. That is why the Career Development Office ("CDO") should be an important and vital part of this law school. It should be an office that helps all students to get jobs by bringing prospective employers to the campus and informing students about job opportunities across the country. Unfortunately, in our judgment, the CDO has failed in this mission.

Programs like the Fall Interview Program ("FIP") are useless to the vast majority of students. The majority of the firms that hire through the FIP are large firms that use grades as the major criteria in their hiring decisions. What this means is that unless you are near the top of your class, you will not get a job through this program.

In our mind, the FIP should be a vehicle for the masses as opposed to the elite. Unfortunately, the law school and the CDO spend most of their resources finding opportunities for those students who, due to their high grades and positions on journals, can very easily find jobs on their own. At the same time, the rest of the student body is ignored. Sure, we have the government job fair, and the small and medium firm interview program, but the CDO is simply not doing enough to help "average" law students get interviews with prospective employers. Both the government fair and the small and medium firm program are small endeavors compared to the large amount of resources poured into the FIP. In addition, the small and medium firm program last year was a severe disappointment. We were allowed fifteen bids, but the total number of employers was under twenty. There are fifteen hundred students at this school, all attempting to find jobs, and the CDO was able to find twenty small and medium firms that were willing to interview GW students? Most of us had better luck on our own.

If the CDO is serious about helping students get jobs, they will fake steps to improve this situation. The CDO has a new office now, and hopefully, a new outlook: one in which the CDO takes more time to meet and talk with everyday students instead of spending all of their resources helping only our best students get jobs. To most, including the editors of this publication, the FIP is nothing more than a "dog and pony" show. The FIP cannot and should not be the CDO's only focus. If the CDO and the law school in general want to help the student body as a whole, then they will spend more time and resources on helping ALL students find suitable jobs upon graduation.

# To Wear a Turban After September 11

By DAWINDER SIDHU  
Staff Writer

I recently learned that my sixteen-year-old cousin - a Sikh who is required by this faith to keep his hair and his head covered - wishes to cut his hair and relieve himself of a turban. As one of the elder second-generation children in my extended family, I was called upon to advise my cousin. This article articulates my failure to offer any meaningful counsel to him; why a social, psychological, or nationalistic assessment of the situation has yielded no consistent guidance; and how these angles further confuse my ability to help my cousin in this most personal of matters. All this bewilderment is aggravated by and coincides with the anniversary of September 11th, an event that inflated if not precipitated my cousin's desire to devolve the fate of his identity to a pair of shears. Perhaps the most significant reason why my cousin has questioned the efficacy of these religious requirements is the teasing he receives in school. Having gone through the same public school system, I know everyone is teased - and I mean everyone. There is value to being teased: it teaches you how to defend yourself, maintain your composure in difficult social situations, and develop a sense of humor. A moderate amount of teasing can be healthy. However, there is a difference between being called "four eyes" and being called "Osama bin Laden," from being taunted for your culture's idiosyncrasies and being associated with terrorists, from engaging in a cycle of childhood ribbing and being picked on in a unilateral fashion such that one is socially isolated, and from being stared at due to the understandable curiosity children have of a religious headdress and being gawked at as if one was so unusual or offensive as to be subhuman. Such substantial teasing casts doubt on the legitimacy of one's religion, national loyalty, and damaging psychological consequences to a child's sense of self.

Intuitively, by eliminating the most distinctive features that differentiate my cousin from others, he may receive more favorable treatment from his classroom chums and he may obtain a more favorable self-image. As a Sikh who has had his hair cut since infancy and has experienced the social climate during the Gulf War and post-9/11 America, I posit that the hate will remain. Indeed, those who bear even the slightest resemblance to the 9/11 hijackers will be discriminated against. While the severity of the discrimination might not be as great as someone who has had their hair cut, reality after September 11th includes the unfortunate fact that South Asian- and Arab-Americans are perpetually suspect because of their physical characteristics. Simply, in this new world after 9/11, for those with brown skin there is no escaping the perception of being dangerous or unwelcome. Sadly, the treatment suffered by my cousin is not a phenomena confined to the schoolyard or classroom. Sikhs and others nationwide have been verbally harassed, physically attacked, and murdered by adult Americans who, like some children, possess an irrational dislike for those who are different. At least with kids we might excuse their ignorance for a lack of mental maturity, however there can be no justification for acts of hate against South Asian- or Arab-Americans when the perpetrators are of a more responsible age, es-

pecially when the essence of the American nation and the liberty of her citizens is a diversity of cultures, perspectives, and values. I quote *Federalist* 10 where James Madison argues, "Extend the sphere [of those to be included in the republic], and you take in a greater variety of parties and interests; you make it less probable that a majority of the whole will have a common motive to invade the rights of other citizens." Hence, it would be a regrettable mistake to assume that emulating a "Caucasian" or "Western" appearance would make one more amenable to a positive reception from other Americans; that one would be "included" in a society that one is already a member of, and that one would be thought of as "American." The timing of this discussion leads to a more unsettling question, what will my cousin be thinking on the anniversary? He will surely mourn those lost and reflect on where he was when the tragedy occurred, just like all other people. More than these already burdensome emotional and psychological endeavors, he will likely ponder whether he is grieving *with* Americans or *among* them and whether the anniversary will incense the ignorant to the point that he should be fearful of retribution for an act he certainly condemns. It is a shame, profound and real, that an individual's, especially a youth's, ability to engage in remembrance will be interrupted by a concern for whether he will be a victim of a hate crime. He may wave the American flag, not as a sign of pride or patriotism, but to "prove" to others that he is American, a most redundant and needless practice amongst many Sikhs after 9/11. If anything is clear to me, it is that if there is to be any significant improvement in the way South Asian- or Arab-Americans are treated by other Americans, the change must take place not through a superficial adjustment on the part of the former, but through an appreciation by the latter of the fact that those of South Asian or Arab descent are Americans, and that these individuals contribute to and secure the happiness and liberty enjoyed by all. Indeed, it is only other Americans who must assimilate, who must more correctly return to perspective that respects diversity and tolerance, the outlook articulated centuries ago in Madison's *Federalist* appeal. One of the failures of the patriotic ethos that pervades our nation today is the inability of the American to acknowledge the impact 9/11 has had on South Asian- and Arab-Americans, not recognizing that these individuals mourn as well, but that they have suffered acts of hate, discrimination, and death at the hands of American zealots who are interested in satisfying their caustic emotions at the expense of others. All this considered, I still do not know what to tell my cousin, whether I should tell him to sacrifice his religious tradition and part of his self for a chance at a better life in America. Irrespective of his decision, the existence of this dilemma our family has to contemplate, is in itself disheartening and highlights a sad state of affairs in America wherein individuals like my cousin are questioning their security, character, and metaphysical beliefs - attributes that this fundamentally pluralistic society should embrace, not marginalize.

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## NEWS FROM THE GW COMMUNITY

*Remembering 9/11*

As mentioned in the past issue of *Nota Bene*, the University, and the Law School, were host to a number of events remember the lives lost on September 11th, 2001. Secretary of State, Colin Powell was on hand to speak at the University's nighttime vigil. During the daytime, the Law School hosted a number of a series of panel discussions in the Jacob Burns Moot Court Room. The panel, entitled "The Legal Aftermath of 9/11" included a discussion of: "The Changing Face of U.S. Law Enforcement Strategies"; "The Line Between Military Action and Criminal Law Enforcement - Enemy Combatants, Battlefield Detainees and Military Tribunals"; and "War Powers, the Pursuit of Terrorists, and 'Evil' Governments."

*The Green Mile*

The Public Justice Advocacy Clinic successfully acted on behalf of a former inmate of the now-closed Lorton prison for one of his three federal lawsuits. The inmate has spent more than a decade in prison.

The Clinic's case concerned charges that the inmate was illegally transferred to a psychiatric wing at the Lorton prison and subjected to mistreatment. Now, after a settlement was reached, the prisoner has been financially compensated due to the settlement and could be paroled next spring.

*Hablo Espanol?*

From September 15th to October 15th, Hispanic Americans will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. During Hispanic Heritage Month, Hispanic Americans will be able to display contributions that they have made to U.S. culture. The Hispanic Law Students Association recently held two events to celebrate the start of school and Hispanic Heritage Month: the HLSA Mentor/Mentee Happy Hour at Tequila Grill and a joint Fall Barbeque with Georgetown University Law Center's Alianza Del Derecho. Regarding the barbecue with Georgetown, the time was spent informally discussing activities for the upcoming year and watching the anticipated University of Florida-University of Miami football game. Additional joint events planned with Alianza are cultural visits to the Smithsonian Museum, community service activities to benefit local Hispanic communities, and reciprocal invitations to speakers' series.

*Got Tickets?*

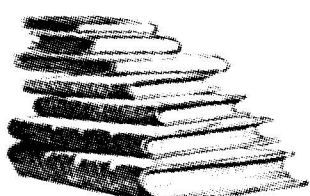
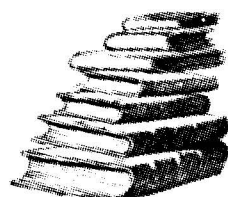
The University is will be host to a number of events featuring live entertainment that the Law School community can enjoy. This past Sunday, September 22nd, as heard from the vibrations inside the Burns Law Library, the GW Programs Board hosted its annual Fall Fest, combining outdoor activities, free food, and music. The Programs Board secured the musical services of Jimmy Eat World, performing hit songs such as "The Middle" and "Sweetness." On October 12, 2002, the University will be host to An Evening with Jay Leno at the Smith Center, with shows at 8pm and 10pm; tickets still remain for the 10pm show. Finally, on October 27, 2002, the Counting Crows will be visiting the Smith Center as part of their recent tour. Although student tickets sold out, there were some regular priced tickets available from Ticketmaster.

*What are words for*

With only mild fanfare and lacking the full-blown publicity of the previous Book Sale, the SBA held a book sale this past week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Proceeds were expected to be less than in the previous year. The tradition of an annual book sale, however, continued at the law school.

*SOS*

Pro Bono Week was held at the Law School the week of September 16th; the Law School separately sponsors a Pro Bono Program, which supports the efforts of law students to engage in volunteer legal activities. The GW Law Pro Bono Program replaces the Student Bar Association's pro bono program, which ceased operations prior to the beginning of the past academic year. Under the current Program, students' efforts to perform volunteer legal are recognized at graduation, if at least sixty hours is performed. Last year, recognition for pro bono work included a special breakfast with Dean Michael Young, certificates, and acknowledgment in the commencement program.



## The SBA Beat

By TROY D. BYERS  
Staff Writer

The SBA first fall meeting occurred on September 10th, with President D Famuyiwa at the helm and Vice-President Josh Harris as the first mate. Though the jovially mutinous crew of committee heads and officers occasionally had to be kept in line by a gavel, the assembly met with generally smooth sailing. Perhaps the best news to emerge from the SBA meeting is the clearing of the \$50,000 shortfall by the Student Association, which was reported by SBA treasurer, Zach Ellis. If it were not for the removal of the \$50,000 SA deficit, many student organizations at the Law School would have felt the crunch, according to Ellis.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included the age-old problems of under-stocked soda machines and an absence of electrical outlets in the rear of many classrooms. New and noteworthy issues raised were the positive outcome of the aptops-for-exams piloted last semester, the changing demographics of the incoming class (women now constitute a majority), and the possibility of raising the Law School grade curve to a B+.

Of these new issues, students seem most deeply divided over the use of laptop computers for exams. According to Beth Underwood, a 2L, "[t]he use of laptop computers are a bad idea. What happens to those who can't type as fast? Penalize them with a lower grade?" Other law students expressed similar dissenting opinions, although arguments in favor of using laptop computers on exams were stated just as forcefully. Some law students conveyed hopes that the SBA moves quickly to imple-

ment a program for using laptops on exams. However, regardless of the Law School student body readiness for this monumental change, the Law School will offer the laptop option to all students this year.

When questioned about the implementation of the program, SBA Vice-President Harris said that, "the decision to give laptop exams will be up to the individual professors themselves." As to concerns over the relevant difficulty of using software in order to take an exam, Harris offered that he "had the opportunity to use the program. He went on to remark that, it works like a basic word-processor program, it's very easy to use. This was also the general consensus of those who used it in last year's trial run."

Regarding the possibility of raising the Law School grading curve from a B to B+ average, most students were ambivalent, expressing concerns of grade inflation and the impact it could have on the reputation of the Law School. Jewel Weiler, a 2L, had a different opinion. "It's unfair that other law schools who we compete with for employment have higher grade curves than we do. It's unjust prejudice when employers compare our lower grades to those of [schools with higher grading curves], she stated"

When confronted, most students asked seemed overall satisfied with the direction and stance taken by the SBA on these two pertinent issues. Though it remains to be seen how the Famuyiwa administration will fare in the arena of public relations, it already has begun addressing issues pressing on the minds of the student body. Besides, the school year is just starting and more issues will assuredly develop.

## The SA Report

By EJ LEVIN  
Staff Writer

Student Association politics proceeded as normal during a first meeting that included the senators being quick to blame and point fingers in another direction, while spending a lot of time on non-issues. The most substantial moment in the first SA meeting occurred when a minute of silence was held to remember the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Afterwards, an hour was spent consisting of redundant questions and comments to President Phil Robinson regarding the budget crisis left by last year's SA: The budget crisis, a \$50,000 shortfall, is allegedly due to the treasurer of a cultural student organization, who possibly transferred funds illegally (criminal charges may be brought) from the SA to the cultural student organization's own account. In other budget-related news, three new computers, complete with flat screen monitors, were purchased for the SA office. Finally, business cards were supposed to be free for the SA Vice-Presidents, yet they wound up costing money; many of the cabinet members who received business cards have resigned.

The SA passed a resolution, around midnight, to create a committee to investigate the budget shortfall (which no longer exists because the University has resolved the deficit). The current Rules Committee Chairman, a member of the SA last year that was involved with the budget, will chair the budget shortfall investigation committee. Nonetheless, there was considerable debate at the SA meeting because many senators, including all 4 senators from the

Law School, believed that the budget shortfall investigation committee should not be headed by someone possessing a clear conflict of interest with the aims of the committee. Despite an unsuccessful attempt to designate a different chairman for the investigation committee, Rodney Zwahlen, one of the Law School's senators, was elected to the committee, attempting to keep the investigation as neutral as possible.

Still, there is cause for growing concern that upcoming activities *this* year may contribute to a tight budget. SA Executive Vice-President, and Chairman of the Senate, Eric Daleo, is setting the tone for the SA's fiscal operations. In order to stress his desire to help the SA save money, while remaining candid about his intentions, Daleo wrote a letter to the SA:

"I am greatly concerned by the announcement of a shortfall in [SA] monies. While Executive Vice Presidents before me have all purchased their business cards using [SA] funds, I would much rather see those monies go to benefit greater student programming. Further, to save funds, I have implemented a program whereby Senators and Senate staff may directly purchase business cards of their own out of personal funds so that the [SA] is not forced to bear this unnecessary burden... [G]iven my [personal] reimbursement [to the SA account, the SA should] not be billed for these items."

Daleo also paid out of his own pocket for "Certificates of Appreciation" mounted on wood plaques to give to various speakers that will visit the SA meetings this year.

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## FEATURES

### TWO (HEL)L<sup>©</sup>

By ERIK BAPTIST  
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So I was sitting outside on the Stockton Patio thinking of what to write for this week's column when a friend from my first-year section came up to me. She told me that she just heard something that almost made her fall over in complete laughter. I thought she was going to tell me some funny story about how one of our classmates fell down the stairs or how one of our favorite professors had just finished doing a minute-long keg stand during Thirsty Thursday. No, no. I was very, very wrong.

She had overheard some girls inquiring about my "availability." Instead of supporting me, she decided to remind them that I was the same guy who wrote the *ONE (HEL)L* column last year. They snapped back into to reality and decided to discuss something else. Apparently, after reading my dating stories last year, they deduced that there was something wrong with me because not every girl with whom I went on a date last year could have some fatal flaw. What am I, Mark Herschfield? Give me some credit. I just like to write about the funny ones. But hey, I'm going to keep on writing, so you can just keep on talking.

Alright, let's get back to my hellish second year. Interviews suck. Once you get through the first-round screening interviews, you have to do a "call-back" interview (if you're lucky). I've run marathons, had my wisdom teeth pulled without anesthesia, and listened to Michael Jackson's latest album, but nothing has been more painful and grueling for me to endure than a call-back interview.

The law firm lines up about five or six attorneys for you to meet with, totaling about three to five hours of interviewing time. Ugh. Don't get me wrong, most of these attorneys are great people, but just like in a race, you get tired and want a break. And being sick doesn't help the situation. Most of the time you are thinking of the next question to ask the interviewer, while he answers your previous one. And they keep on telling you to ask more questions over and over and over and over and over again. By the time the interview is near its conclusion, I'm asking questions about things in the room, such as, "When did you take this picture with Ted Kennedy?" And as my luck would have it, I get a response that sounds similar to "That's not Ted Kennedy, that's my wife." Go figure, I

didn't get the offer.

People also told me that getting a free lunch isn't all that bad either. What are they, crazy? First of all, I went to one of those fancy restaurants where the main course consists of a lettuce leaf, a tomato slice, and a piece of chicken the size of a grocery store sample. But that wasn't the worst part. Given that I was ill and the call-back interview had already gone on for over 4 hours, I was pretty tired by the time we went to lunch. When we got to the restaurant, the fire alarm was going off. No worries, we still decided to eat there anyway. Between the flashing strobe lights and the sirens, not only could I barely hear my interviewers, I also was near death, about to pass out (I thought about going toward the light, but worried about who would write *TWO (HEL)L*). Somehow, I survived, but again, I didn't get the offer that I so desperately need.

Even though the interviewing isn't going as smoothly as planned, school itself does provide for some stability and harmony. That is, until you buy all your books for class. Now I have two books on Constitutional law, books for classes that I don't need to read for, and books with titles that don't sound like legal literature at all. As for the last observation, one of my books for a class is called, I think, *Judges on Judges*. Is it just me, or does this sound like the title of some movie only found in the adult section of the video store? And my suspicions were confirmed when I mentioned it to Mark "The Pornmaster General" Herschfield (note to reader: Herschfield really hates it when you call him by the nicknames I give him - I think you know what to do). Instead of describing the class to me, he advised to look into better material, such as *Lawyer Laura* and *Her Motion to Suppress and Jury Duty XII: The Deliberations*. I haven't checked these out, but trust me, take the "Master's" word - he's an expert.

Last year, I found myself looking at the undergrads enviously, and now I find myself staring at the 1Ls the same way. Each time I looked, I was thinking about how easy life was and how much worse it is going to get (welcome to the legal profession). But at least I have this column going for me, right? Doh!

## The Law Student's Guide to WHAT SUCKS The Parking Nightmare

By E.J. Levin

For anyone who has driven into school this year, parking sucks more than ever.

If you have never tried to park at the Marvin Center, here is a typical experience:

Drive onto 20<sup>th</sup> street and spend ten minutes trying (not?) to hit the undergrads as we drive (sit there glaring at the "traffic" guy) down the two (one) way street.

Spend several minutes in the parking garage driveway while the undergrads look at us as if we are in their way. Drive down the wide (narrow because cars are parked on the sides) ramps, and we see a new "system" in place where parking attendants (GW maintenance men) double-park each space.

And your car is safe (keys in the car, windows open) until you get back from your evening class at 9 pm (only to find, if you can find your car, that they moved your car to an open space, and none of them are around to make sure your car with the keys in it is still there).

If you get to school anytime after 1pm, good luck finding a spot.

You have three options:

Go over to the mysterious "A" lot, where if you don't have a GW ticket to park, then you cannot park. So you can go back over to the Marvin Center, and try to find a spot to leave your car while you run (walk because all the undergrads are in your way) in and buy a GW ticket. As you return to your car, whether or not you were at a meter, you will have a ticket on your windshield for fifteen dollars for something. So now you paid for a GW ticket (\$6.25) and a DC ticket (\$15) and you have missed the start of your one-hour class.

Find a spot on the street, and get a DC ticket no matter how much money you put in the meter, and maybe a twenty dollar ticket for parking more than twelve inches from the curb, and if you are really lucky, one hundred dollars for parking in a marked (not really) rush hour area at 6:28pm (two minutes shy of "ok to park" time).

Go over and park in the lot on the corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> and H. We are not supposed to park there when the Marvin lot closes, as, for some reason, it turns at that exact moment into a visitor and staff only lot. But good luck finding your way to your car later, or getting out, as it is a maze of up and down and side lots.

So, take the metro, ride a bike, walk, buy a mo-ped and strap on a milk crate for storage. If you must drive, as your "lawyer", I recommend you stay home.

## Photo Op



## OPINIONS

## Letters to the Editor

## Taking a Closer Look at SBA Appointments

BY LINDSAY MASON, CO-DIRECTOR, STUDENT SERVICES

I don't know Paul Meissner. I don't know his involvement with the SBA - if he's ever been a rep, been on the board or attended one of the SBA meetings. What I do know is that he flippantly criticized the structure of the SBA without at all examining how a democracy actually works.

In fact, there is no easier or closer example of a democracy at work than that of our own national government. I don't think anyone would challenge the notion that most Americans and most of the world consider the United States to be the greatest democratic government yet in existence. People the world round revere the way our government works and envy the fact that we as citizens have actual representation at both the local and national level. We elect representatives who then come to Washington and lobby hard for our interests. In addition to this, we get to elect our president. But do we get to vote for his cabinet? Certainly not. The president appoints these individuals with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of our other democratically elected bodies.

The structure is the same with the SBA. The student body votes for the president as a whole, just as the nation elects the president. Each class gets to vote for their own representatives as each state gets to vote for their own senator. The rest of the positions on SBA are left to appointment because they are cabinet positions. Those in the cabinet positions are approved by the elected SBA members and head up their own departments as Colin Powell and Donald Rumsfeld head up the Departments of State and Defense. We carry out our jobs as they would, answerable to the president and reporting to him and the SBA on a regular basis. We are removable by him and our tenure ends with his own.

The parallel structure continues with respect to legislation. None of the appointed

positions are voting positions. The Secretary of the Treasury gets to report to Congress and make recommendations to them, but is not allowed to vote on bills or motions. The SBA cabinet positions function in exactly the same manner. Only those members of SBA democratically elected by the student body are allowed to decide on those matters most important to the students and most reflective of their concerns. Only the representatives get to pass certain bills and make sure that others fail.

Another problem with Mr. Meissner's critique of our system is his condemnation of the way in which the cabinet is appointed. It is low to suggest that the people who hold positions on the board are only there because they are friends with the president or said something nice to get the job. As I recall, the SBA cabinet positions were open to the entire student body. You had to submit a resume and have an interview with the president-elect. You didn't just call him up and ask him to extend you a favor or buy him some chocolates in the hope that he would give you what Mr. Meissner refers to as a "mundane" position. People who wanted to contribute to the betterment of our school in addition to going to class and conducting interviews applied for those positions and hold them now.

I also take issue with Meissner's reference to those students who ran for an elected position and are now by some magic on the board. It is unfair and rude to suggest that these people, whoever they may be, are not considered capable of serving the student body. Just because you didn't win an election does not mean that you are not qualified to hold the position. It could mean that students liked the other candidate's posters better; that, although they considered this person qualified, the other candidate was somehow better suited; or, it could simply mean that the people who

## Why the First Year Moot Court Competition is Student-Judged

BY TIFFANY HAMILTON, 3L DAY

The Moot Court Board is a student-run skills board that hosts several appellate advocacy competitions each year. The largest of these competitions is the First-Year Competition, which is administered and judged by Moot Court Board members. Critics of the First-Year Competition argue that judges and practitioners should select Board members, as opposed to the Board itself. Restructuring the competition in this way is easier said than done.

Let us look at the Van Vleck Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition, the law school's largest upper-level competition. In preparation for Van Vleck, the Board contacts hundreds of practitioners, judges, and adjunct professors to serve as judges in the competition. Many decline our invitation to participate. Although each year we manage to fill our panels with outside judges, it is no easy feat. Given that the First Year Competition is three times the size of Van Vleck, a practitioner panel is simply impractical.

Most law schools administer their first year moot court competitions the same way GW does. However, some schools take a different approach. Yale Law School and the University of California, Davis School of Law apparently use outside judges and practitioners for their competitions. But comparisons to these schools are futile.

This year's incoming class at Yale had 290 students; UC Davis' first-year class had 190. GW's incoming class, on the other hand, typically has around 450 students, the majority of whom participate in the First-Year Competition. Recruiting local judges for a competition this size is not feasible.

It is worth repeating: the Moot Court Board is a *student-run* skills board. In most student-run skills boards and organizations, students select their own members. The Journals, for example, do not call in practitioners and professors to choose new members - they make the selections themselves. Moot Court Board members know what qualifications to look for in a competitor, and are certainly capable of making a fair and rational evaluation of written and oral arguments.

When all is said and done, Moot Court Board membership is extended to individuals who outperform their peers in appellate advocacy. Students who fail to demonstrate a certain level of skill in both legal writing and oral advocacy are denied Board membership. Replacing student judges with practitioners would not change this result. That said, the Moot Court Board is certainly open to new ideas, and may consider supplementing our panels with practitioner judges. Wholesale replacement, however, is not on the agenda.

wanted to vote for you simply forgot. I mean, we are in law school. And to suggest that losing an election and then getting on the board somehow defiles the principles of democracy is completely misguided. After all, John Ashcroft lost the Senate race in Missouri to a dead man, but was still appointed to Attorney General. I know that a lot of people consider him to be the devil incarnate, but that does not mean that his appointment as head of the Department of Justice perverts or ignores

the voice of the people in Missouri.

If Mr. Meissner thinks that the structure of the SBA is "nothing short of a complete usurpation of the democratic process" than by implication he thinks our own government is not living up to its democratic ideals. Maybe he should be knocking on his senator's door so that the Constitution can be amended and the fundamental structure of the greatest democracy in the world can better conform to Mr. Meissner's notions of a democratic "process."

## Beware the Eye in the Sky

I have received many things in the mail over the years. I have received rejection letters, friendly post cards, birthday cards, campaign literature and invites to events. A couple weeks ago, however, I received something, which I have never even seen or heard of before. I received a speeding ticket in the mail courtesy of the Washington, D.C. Automated Traffic Enforcement services.

Now I am no speed demon, but I do speed from time to time. I have been stopped by the police before, and I have received warnings and speeding tickets. I have no problem with that type of law enforcement. I have even heard of red light enforcement tickets. This, however, was the first time I have ever heard of getting a speeding ticket in the mail. Even several friends I talked to have never heard of such a machination.

An essential component of law enforcement is discretion. Not everyone who speeds and is stopped by a police officer receives a ticket. In fact, many people are not stopped at all. With law enforcement video cameras, this is not the case. Everyone driving at a certain speed receives a ticket. Worse yet, there is no opportunity to discuss or contest the ticket (practically speaking). In the mail arrives a nice form with a dollar amount and a date on it, and the individual must pay. Sure no points are assessed, but a speeding ticket is a speeding ticket.

One main reason officers pull drivers over is to deter them from continuing with their illegal behavior.

Video cameras do not serve this end. In fact most drivers have no idea they were photographed (including myself), which means we just continue on speeding down the road. If safety were a concern, then regular officers would be used to police the highways. So why then have municipalities enacted these law enforcement mechanisms?

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BY MARK HERSHFIELD

The answer is money, money and more money. Speeding tickets equal revenue. Washington D.C. is looking for revenue, and they have found a new cash cow. In my mind, at least there are better ways to generate revenue than stooping to Orwellian measures to combat speeding.

As we move forward in this new century there are bound to be more technological innovations. So are will be

beneficial and some will be invasive. This method of law enforcement falls into the latter category. Taking the human element out of law enforcement is a dangerous game to play (I believe they tried to do that in the "Robocop" series).

I have yet to mention the privacy violation that this system engages in. In essence, Rockwell was right to say, "I always feel like somebody's watching me." These video cameras peer inside of cars violating a sphere that up to this point belonged to the driver and the passenger. What's next, cameras that videotape illegal activities going on in moving cars? With any privacy violation one must always balance the invasion against the government's interest in having the invasion. In this case, that balance comes out against this law enforcement mechanism.

I am not upset that I got a speeding ticket. I did pay the fine because I probably was speeding that day. What bothers me is the method how the infraction was administered. In my mind, the D.C. government has greater concerns than installing machines to catch every individual who goes a few miles over the speed limit (like improving schools or reducing violent crime). If you just happen to be driving down a road in Washington, D.C. you will be caught. So what? Better to watch them.



## FEATURES

# So Where Can I Get a Bite to Eat Around Here?

## Madhu Ban Delivers!

By GUALBERTO GARCIA JONES  
Staff Writer

Madhu Ban is an authentic Indian restaurant located in Clarendon. I first noticed Madhu Ban about a year ago when I was biking along Wilson Boulevard. What caught my attention was that the restaurant gave off the feeling of being a well-kept secret. Madhu Ban is not ostentatious; the front of the restaurant displays a perpetually "open" sign beside a small glass door through which a few people can be seen talking and eating. In the midst of the restaurant-happy Clarendon, Madhu Ban has managed to find a modest location only a couple of yards off of the busy Wilson Boulevard and Washington Avenue intersections, so that it appears as a mirage amongst the hubbub of ethnic restaurants. Inside, the restaurant reminds me of so many small, respectable, European restaurants, with no complicated fatiguing designer furniture, but with white cloth napkins, decent utensils, and, above all, a feeling of a family-owned business.

In order to sample the greatest selection of food for the money, I tried the buffet. As an appetizer, the buffet includes: the eclectic **Samosa** -a turnover filled with spiced potatoes and peas-, **Pappad** -a lentil wafer with black pepper, and plenty of **Naan** -a leavened white flour bread baked in a clay oven.

For the main courses, they were serving a choice of **Butter Chicken** -a barbecued boneless chicken cooked in onion gravy, butter sauce and dry fruits, **Lamb Masala** -tender pieces of lamb sautéed with tomato onion, green pepper and dry fruits, and **Tandoori Chicken** -chicken drumlins baked in a clay oven.

For the vegetarians amongst us, the selection in the Madhu Ban buffet is unsurpassed. As the owner and main waiter, Balraj Singh, explained to me, Madhu Ban served only vegetarian food from its opening in 1993 until the time when he took over the business from a family member in 1999. Noticing that some members of the families that ate at his restaurant desired meat dishes, Mr. Singh began to include them on the menu and in the buffet. Needless to say, the vegetarian dishes on the buffet needed no help from the meat department and were delicious and hearty. On this particular night I choose from (or I should say I chose all of the following): **Chana Masala** -chick peas cooked with onion, tomato, spices, and lemon juice, a **Potato and Cauliflower Curry**, **Sautéed Eggplant**, a **Mixed Vegetable Curry**, and rice.

I piled on the Mixed Vegetable Curry and took a huge spoonful of what turned out to be a large piece of potato. To my amazement this sizable chunk of a potato simply melted in my mouth, leaving a distinct aftertaste that was not too blunt, but nevertheless reminded me that I had just eaten a potato. The same effect of sizeable ingredients simply melting away was reproduced with the Samosa, Sautéed Eggplant, Butter Chicken and even the Lamb Masala. I also found that none of the dishes that I tried were too spicy, and thankfully so, since the distinct taste of the ingredients was not lost to the accompanying sauces that were too hot with chili pepper and pain.

As I was leaving, I found myself wishing that

in the course of human evolution we could have evolved four stomachs. Barring this possibility, I must warn the readers not to overindulge themselves with this delicious food, and drink plenty of water, beer and wine during the course of the meal. The owner, seemingly knowing the importance of drinking while dining, keeps a steady stream of water flowing into the glasses of his patrons.

For Desert the buffet includes a **Rice Pudding** -consisting of steamed rice in milk, topped with pistachios. The buffet is economically priced at \$5.75 for lunch (11:00 am to 4:00 pm), and \$6.95 for dinner and weekends. As far as I know, this is the best quality (and quantity) food you can get for the money.

Upon hearing my questions to the Owner, an evidently satisfied and enthusiastic customer came up to me and explained that many local students eat there and that Madhu Ban is a great place, frequented by the locals.

In addition to the items on the buffet, Madhu Ban boasts of a very large selection of dishes. Mr. Singh explained that what makes Madhu Ban different from other Indian restaurants is that they serve dishes from both North and South India.

In the drinks department, Madhu Ban offers the popular Mango Lassi and other types of Lassis. For the beer drinkers, the menu lists six imported beers (a few Indian ones like Taj Mahal and King Fisher) at a very good price, some European beers, and the usual suspects like Bud and Miller. Wine is also served by the glass, half or full bottle (\$7.95).

My overall impression of Madhu Ban is one of well-rounded satisfaction. The service is excellent, attentive and refined. And leaving the modest restaurant, you feel like you spent your money thriftily and towards a business that appreciated your particular patronage as their means of livelihood, something very rare today. To get to Madhu Ban, catch the Orange Line Metro to Clarendon and walk along Wilson Boulevard to the intersection of Wilson and N.Washington Blvd.

Madhu Ban offers carry out, free delivery to the Arlington area (703) 528 7184, and is open late 7 days a week (from 11:00am to 10:00pm M-F, and from 12:00 - 10:00pm on the weekends).



## The Flat Top Grill

By REBECCA FRIBUSH  
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Few things are sweeter to grad-student ears than the phrase "all you can eat." But the sad truth is that, however admirable your typical Shoney's breakfast buffet or the like might be when it comes to sheer quantity, it's just a tad bit lacking when it comes to anything approaching quality or atmosphere. That's why I was so excited to find Flat Top Grill - an all-you-can-eat restaurant even a food snob can love.

Flat Top Grill specializes in make-your-own stir-fries, cooked while you wait. To choose what you want, you visit the enormous ingredient bar at the front of the restaurant, pick your favorite combination from umpteen different kinds of

noodles, rice, vegetables, meats, and sauces, and bring your bowl to the (say it with me now) flat-topped grilling surface in the front of the restaurant. After the chefs cook up your meal, it will be delivered to your table in the attractive orange and burgundy dining room - a room whose decorating style can probably be best described as Asian Yuppie Modern - before you can say "soy sauce." For \$11.99 with your student ID, and \$13.99 without it, you get as many trips up to the bar as you want.

This ingredient bar offers a truly absurd number of choices. You can select from five kinds of rice and noodles alone, and top them with more varieties of fresh vegetables than you can shake a chopstick at. Next it's time to decide between about two dozen stir fry sauces, some traditionally Asian - like sweet and sour or peanut - and some - like honey mustard or cucumber vinaigrette - decidedly not. If you want

something a little more protein-intensive, now's the time to put some raw meat or fish in a separate bowl that'll be combined with the rest of your picks when they're cooked.

If the ingredients on display still leave you wanting more, you can specify even more options when you take your stir-fry-to-be up to the chefs for cooking. For instance, you can choose for your stir-fry to be topped with a skewer of shrimp or (my favorite) a round of warm Indian roti bread, made into a soup with the addition of broth, or rolled up in a mu shu pancake.

The best part of a meal here (besides the all-you-can-eat part, that is) is testing the combinations of foods you think up. The restaurant gets you started by offering "recipes" for dishes such as pad thai and mango noodles, but, with a little creativity, you can often come up with something even tastier and more interesting. I was especially proud of combining flat noodles, tomatoes, spinach, mushrooms, squid rings, and a whole lot of garlic to get the closest thing to Italian food I've ever eaten in an Asian restaurant.

On the off chance that dinner hasn't left you completely stuffed, Flat Top Grill has a slate of tempting desserts, including a lemon-ginger cheesecake, an apple crisp, and an exceptional brownie sundae with vanilla bean ice cream. If you can't stomach the thought of a whole slice of that cheesecake but your night won't be complete without at least a taste, you're in luck. All the desserts can be ordered as half portions. If you elect to take your after-dinner treat in liquid form instead, there's even a full bar.

Flat Top Grill has two Washington area locations, 4245 N. Fairfax Dr. in Ballston (right across from the Ballston Metro station) and 3714 Macomb Ave. NW in Glover Park.

## The Bar Review

### Caf Citron

By TROY D. BYERS  
Staff Writer

Tired of grooving to the same old House and Hip Hop? Take a hike up to Caf Citron for good mojitos and better musica. The rhythm turns from merengue and salsa to modern Arabic pop that gets its mixed crowd shakin' their oneymakers. However, Citron is no meat market; this somewhat older crowd is there to dance and enjoy the music, drinks, and food.

Citron is a three-level establishment with bars on each level, restaurant on the middle level, and dancing downstairs. The upstairs, from the best that I could tell, was something of a hill room. While the ambience may be lacking a bit of the psychedelic flair as most comparable dance clubs, the energy of the music, fellow patrons, and bar staff keep it a light-hearted and fun place to soak

some suds and dance to something different.

One caveat that must be noted is the crowd. It is more than just a testament to Citron's popularity; it can get quite tight in the constricted space typical of a lot of Dupont bars. That being said, by virtue of your being in the area, you're probably already resigned yourself to these skin-tight accommodations. Also note that they have a dress-code that they DO enforce. So leave the jeans and tennis shoes at home.

All and all, Caf Citron is certainly an overall positive experience for something out of the ordinary and genuinely fun.

Caf Citron is located at 1343 Connecticut Ave. NW

## OPINIONS

# Welcome to GW Law. We're Sorry.

By JEREMY MEDEVAY  
Staff Writer

I am writing this piece as a welcome to The George Washington University Law School class of 2005. Welcome 1Ls, and let me introduce you to some of the wonderful facilities and services offered by this fine law school. To make it an interesting read, I will write it as a narrative, but I assure you, it is not fiction.

The story begins in early September of last year, just a few weeks after the start of my first year of law school. I woke up with a sore throat, an aching body and the sniffles. What's going on here, I asked myself. How can I be sick just in time for the start of law school? It did not take long to figure out just how I got sick. When I arrived at school, I learned that many of my classmates had similar symptoms. My criminal law professor was also sick. He, having been around this school long enough, provided the explanation: the school keeps its building at near freezing temperatures, shocking our bodies as they enter from the ninety degree heat outside.

This was not going to get me down. I know how to fight a cold better than anyone. Drink gallons of water and orange juice until you pee out all of the bugs in your body. This would be easy considering the law school's plethora of vending machines, right? Wrong. This brings me to some of my favorite stories. These machines have eaten my money on numerous occasions. One time, one of the machines gave me a Diet Coke, even though I asked for a regular Coke. But the greatest of these stories occurred on that day when I was feeling sickly. I put a dollar into the machine for a bottle of water, and the water came out boiling hot. I am serious — this is not a lie! The water was hot. It was as if the machine knew that I was sick and wanted me to drink tea instead of water. Thank God for cart lady, I tell you.

Okay, so maybe this cold was getting to me. But as a 1L, there was no time for sleep or recovery. I headed to the library's

copy center to purchase a packet of reading materials for my class. The packet I needed cost \$56, and I handed my credit card to the lady behind the counter. "Don't take credit cards," she told me. Oh, well that is convenient. Because you know I usually walk around with \$60 in cash. Is it too much to ask this copy center to invest in a credit card machine? But 1Ls, at least this copy center provides us with quality material. One week into the semester and I started finding random pages from this packet throughout my backpack and my locker. By the end of the semester, the packet fell apart completely, and I was left with 346 individual sheets of paper scattered throughout my apartment.

In the library now, I decided to start my weekly LRW assignment. "Hey Doug," I ask my LRW classmate, "Can you tell me where I can find the Northwestern Tennessee Reporter?" Before Doug could give me an answer, I heard a loud gasp from this frizzy-haired girl sitting next to us. She gave me an evil look and stormed off. Less than two minutes after this, I found myself surrounded by a dozen FBI agents, equipped with night-sticks and growling dogs. An agent took me into a dark room and had me sign a statement, indicating that I had cheated. I had asked my friend if he could direct me to the area of the library where I might find the reporter. Is this cheating? I guess lawyers aren't supposed to work together.

After this incident, I was ready to leave the school for the day. I got in the library elevator to exit through the first floor. However, this turned into a two-hour elevator ride. I was stuck in the elevator for hours while the DC Fire Department tried to rescue me. Does this surprise you? If you have used any of our school's elevators, it shouldn't. Just riding in the elevators gave one of my female classmates a heart attack. Surprisingly, getting stuck wasn't my worst elevator experience last year. Oh no — at least I was alone when I got stuck. I was once in the elevator with a fellow 1L. This girl looked like a gem, but

## Capitol Mixture

### Across

- 1 Rental cars
- 5 Cow catcher
- 10 Old times
- 14 Type of vaccine
- 15 Computer code
- 16 Story start off
- 17 Philadelphia, e.g.
- 18 LETS ANCHOR
- 20 Fuss
- 21 Miller, e.g.
- 22 Three-piece suit needs
- 23 Necessities
- 25 Precodes fly or mouse
- 27 22 Across material
- 29 Dispatch
- 33 Scout group
- 34 Follows tee
- 35 Pay dirt
- 36 BSA & GSA, e.g.
- 37 Curse
- 38 Break suddenly
- 39 Gehrig, for one
- 40 Bailey, for one
- 41 Frutti lead in
- 42 Quality of gracefulness
- 44 Advanced slowly
- 45 Stake
- 46 Opera singer
- 48 Bronze medal position
- 51 Serious disease
- 52 Magazine
- 55 SMART CANOE
- 58 Sampras, for one
- 59 Healer?
- 60 Proprietor
- 61 Golf club
- 62 1996 Tony winner
- 63 "\_\_\_ porridge hot..."
- 64 Swindles

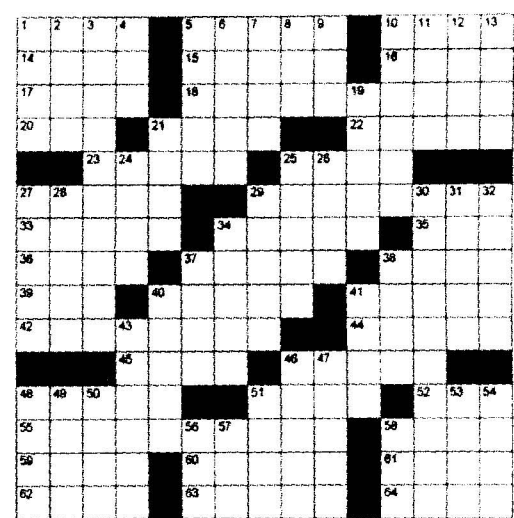
### Down

- 1 Imogene, for one
- 2 Dry-as-dust
- 3 GO ROB A TUNE
- 4 Foxy
- 5 Spiked the punch

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## Crossword 101

By Ed Cauty



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| 6 Barbecue leftovers        | 46 ___ the tongue         |
| 7 Simba's uncle             | 47 Love                   |
| 8 Walter Raleigh, for one   | 48 Former Russian big wig |
| 9 Artist medium             | 49 Hearty's cousin        |
| 10 Models                   | 50 Computer image         |
| 11 Hill dwellers            | 51 Ms. Roosevelt, for one |
| 12 Highlander               | 53 On                     |
| 13 Sawbucks                 | 54 Cub Scout groups       |
| 19 Mile run, e.g.           | 56 Household implement    |
| 21 Honk                     | 57 Ram's flame            |
| 24 Prides                   | 58 Slob                   |
| 25 Auger                    |                           |
| 26 Justice Warren, for one  |                           |
| 27 Pilfered                 |                           |
| 28 Flynn, for one           |                           |
| 29 At that place            |                           |
| 30 GONER TOMMY              |                           |
| 31 Angry                    |                           |
| 32 Lukewarm                 |                           |
| 34 NASA concern             |                           |
| 37 Mailed                   |                           |
| 38 Beer                     |                           |
| 40 Bamboo eater             |                           |
| 41 ___ of the D'Urbervilles |                           |
| 43 Attic                    |                           |

### Quotable Quote

*We have the power to do any damn fool thing we want to do, and we seem to do it about every ten minutes.*

• J. William Fulbright

## Crossword Answer on Page 10

I tell you, she let me have it when she thought (mistakenly) that I failed to push one of the elevator buttons for her. "Why thank you kind sir," she told me sarcastically. She continued to glare at me until she slammed my books out of my hands before leaving the elevator.

After this long day, I felt like I had to connect with some people from outside the law school community. I decided to email my friends and family, and this, unlike the rest of my day's activities, would work out. I had a computer and a brand new GW

email address. But once I again, I proved to be too naïve. Yes, I had a computer and this new email account, however most of my friends and family have AOL accounts, and the GW email system refuses to email to AOL. Now I need to stop and reflect on this — this is amazing. You mean to tell me that this well-financed, prestigious institution cannot figure out how to allow its email system to send emails to AOL accounts? Too much pain, too much pain.

Welcome, George Washington University Law School class of 2005.

# D.C. Election: Disappointment and Embarrassment

By PAUL J. MEISSNER  
Opinion Editor

I am not the most politically active individual; but I know the difference between a good candidate and one that fails to meet that goal. I would say that this year's races for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Washington were the biggest abominations and disappointments I have seen in any election for a long time.

I don't want to look at every one of our candidates, so I just wanted to look at a few of the most notable disappointments for the D.C. election. There has been a lot of discussion about Anthony Williams who won an unsurprising majority of the votes in his write-in campaign. Whoever believes that voters are lazy and incompetent grossly underestimated the thousands of voters who wrote his name on their ballots. True, he perhaps had some negligent campaign workers, but nonetheless, most people felt he deserved to remain in the city's top spot. Disappointing? Yes, in that there was so much outcry about the petition scandal much of which from the city's Republican Party which failed to push its own candidate in this year's mayoral race.

Another colorful candidate, known solely as "Faith," did have a peculiar flare. With her bugle playing and song writing, she came across more as an entertainer than politician during her political campaign. Besides this flamboyance, she had little to offer to the city's voters. The

voters responded this lack of initiative by giving her one percent of the votes in last week's election.

Reverend Osie Thorpe appeared at the GW mayoral debate two weeks ago. Mr. Thorpe was an advocate of bettering the lives of the homeless. That is a good thing, but he puts himself out to be clairvoyant who predicted the September 11th terrorist attacks and the near-fatal shooting of President Reagan. Well, at least he does believe and take an active role in aiding the city's overwhelming homeless population.

The last candidate I want to briefly mention is no less interesting than the rest. He has incited the voters of D.C. and those living in the area with his "pro-African American" rhetoric and his radical proposals. He is none other than James Clark, a political unknown until this past election. Some would call him a militant, but I guess one person's militant is another person's racist. For example, if I were to write campaign speeches saying the exact opposite as what he said (replacing the words "black" with "white"), I would be seen as a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I cannot believe that a man with as much hatred as he does would even be taken as a serious candidate. Statements like "I'll get a hammer and a saw and chop up White House and sell the pieces as souvenirs to build a home for the Black man" not only fail to solve issues of housing costs in Washington, but they incite and alienate voters. It is true that Washington has led America in racial and ethnic disparity, but a candidate like Clark around will do

little to atone for it.

One of my professors referred to the District of Columbia as America's last colony. Well let's face it: the District has over 575,000 residents none of which have voting representation in the House or any representation in the Senate. It's annual budget must be approved by Congress; this budget is often seen as a tool to propagate Congressional policy and not as a means to run a major American metropolis.

The city has had its share of economic and health disparity as well. The people in the District are plagued with a high HIV rate, and poor schools. Housing costs are becoming excessive as neighborhoods are being gentrified. There is a lack of good health care for the poor, which has been made more severe by the closing of D.C. General Hospital. Also, violent crime is on the rise.

The only way to correct these ills is to have self-rule. The District should be able to determine its own destiny. This would allow the city to choose everything from the securing of sports franchises to the naming of its Metro stations. Before this vision of self-rule can be realized, the District has to find good leadership first. Perhaps we could use another Williams term or perhaps Reverend Wilson may have made a good mayor. With most candidates staging publicity stunts and freak shows, how could the nation's capital achieve true political and economic freedom?



## FEATURES

### MAXIMUS Tips for the 1L Male

BY STEFANO FORMICA

*This column is designed for 1L's adjusting to the rigorous intrigues of 1L life. Of course, it is not limited to a 1L audience. Other men seeking a forum for their plights and rights; also may apply. It is not intended to offend anyone, only to attempt to shed light on some subjects that our neighbors of the opposite sex will obscure. Enjoy!*

#### "Profitus Maximus"

So, here we are, a month has passed, and we're already engulfed in our studies. Peer groups have started to transform into peer families, and our lives revolve around a small tight-knit group of friendly people. But that's the real problem isn't it? *Friendly*. Let's face it: for the single variety of the male species, the prospects of finding true romance at this shrine of legal wisdom are slim to none. Seems that every possible prospect already has a significant other whom they've been attached at the hip with for at least ten years. I could be wrong (ladies, send all complaints to [ldontgiveadamn@whocares.com](mailto:ldontgiveadamn@whocares.com)). So, what to do about this small dilemma?

First we need to examine our subject. *Donna jurisprudence* ("Woman of the law"). Oh yes, she's not your garden variety *donna*. What is she? 'SHE' is a fine specimen of human society. She has gone through the same trials and tribulations as the rest of us (although she will claim more<sup>2</sup>), and she is a feisty creature. One wrong interjection, one false claim, or even one hand on the shoulder, could have you liable for an action of battery, assault, or even worse, *intentional infliction of severe emotional distress*! (This is usually the result of the proverbial "she's not really my girlfriend, she's in another state" remark). In other words, we need to be really careful with these ladies, um, er, women.

Now that we know what the subject is, we need to have a plan of action. *Donna* requires tender loving care, and most of all, space. While she adjusts to this new environment of sixteen-hour days, like the rest of us, she will go through some changes, periods of doubt, and of course, all the other fine cyclical patterns that women already enjoy. *Donna* most likely has a significant other. But don't worry son, that WON'T last. Unless of course, she's got a rock strapped around that finger. How do I know this? It's like the book of knowledge in *American Pie*. It's a piece of information that every upperclassman passes to his, uh, lower-class friend. The problem is, we don't want to wait! So, to speed up the process *MAXIMUS* offers the following tool: "*Profitus maximus, costus minimus*." What this means for all of you latin-ly challenged individuals<sup>4</sup> is that we should profit from that which costs us the least, and that which there is already in abundance in this place. WORK. Create study groups. If you already have one you like, join another, and

create another one to keep everyone busy. What this will do is allow you to profit in that, you may learn more things, (if you're reading this, you really need to do this anyway) and it will make *Donna* just as busy. How can we sick excuses for men profit off of this? Simple. When Eric the high school quarterback in Des Moines starts getting upset at how little time they can 'IM' each other, and that the little time they do have is spent talking about the six study groups she has with YOU in them, he will get insanely jealous. He will do this to the point where he will do something incredibly stupid (as we men often do when faced with adversity) like not end his emails with 'Love,' or stop using the smiley faced emoticon© on every other entry during their already limited 'IM' sessions. Presto. Eric has just sunk his own ship, and you have gotten smarter in the process. *Donna* is now vulnerable, and here you swoop in to save her in her time of need. I say, "Put your emoticons© to good use, and always end your letters with "love."" "*Profitus maximus*" baby! They'll be putting this into the next edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*©!

If all else fails, or you're not stupid enough to actually try this, you could just try to be sincere, and buy the lady of your choice a *Zima*© at the next bar review.

Until next time,  
Stefano Formica

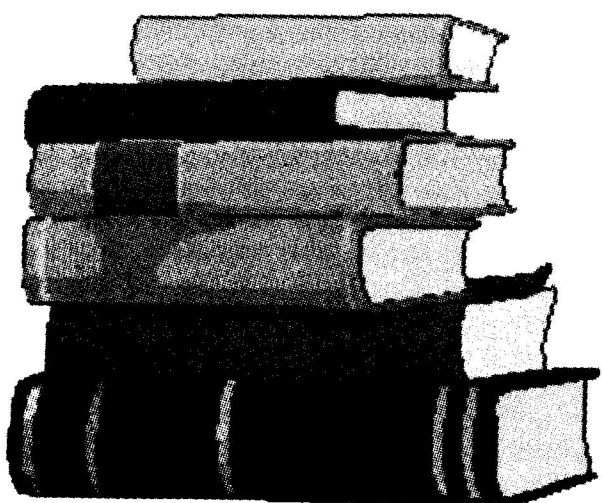
Stefano can be reached at [sformica@law.gwu.edu](mailto:sformica@law.gwu.edu).

If this piece hasn't, for some strange reason, helped you in any of your quests, drop me a line, and I'll try to talk about it in the next one. Ciao!

<sup>1</sup> P.S., in no way does the author of this piece intend to offend any individual or group. The writings here are fictional and not based on any person in actual existence, and in no way are these writings based on any academic, scientific, or medical materials or findings, nor do they have such authority.

<sup>2</sup> She may be completely justified in making such a statement.

<sup>3</sup> (Including myself, if you happen to be a fluent Latin speaker and roll your eyes at my slaughter of the language)



### Student Organization Spotlight: Equal Justice Foundation

BY EDDIE GOMEZ  
Features Editor

The *Nota Bene* will be spotlighting a student organization every issue. This week, we are featuring the Equal Justice Foundation ("EJF"). We will strive to reveal as much as we can, including the goals of the organization and other juicy tidbits of information. Enjoy.

**How the hell are you?**  
Um...fine.

**Who the hell are you?**  
I'm Amy Chastain.

**Oooh. Like Brandy. What do you do?**  
I'm the President of EJF and I'm a 3L.

**What exactly is the EJF?**

The EJF is the member group for its umbrella organization, Equal Justice Works. Our goals are to raise awareness of public interest opportunities through fundraising and speakers and to encourage students to do public interest work.

**What does EJF do in an average semester?**

This semester we are organizing "The First Monday." The first Monday is the first day the Supreme Court is open for its Fall term. We are organizing a panel on civil liberties. We are also organizing volunteers to go to soup kitchens and to do other ser-

vice activities. We help coordinate community service events and pro bono opportunities. Additionally, we will have events planned for the holidays – like Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday and Thanksgiving – but I'm not sure what they are yet.

**Tell me about the famous EJF auction?**

Well, it's organized and run by the students. We have faculty and administrative support, but all the organizing and fundraising is done by the students. Basically, we auction off items like lunch with professors and gift certificates while drinking a bunch of free beer and eating pizza. All proceeds go to the Summer Grant Funds and we distribute that money to students who've accepted non-paying jobs in the public interest sector. It is coming up in April.

**How successful has the EJF auction been?**

Last year, we gave eight students \$2400 each.

**Great. What "peculiar" objects have you auctioned off in the past?**

We've auctioned toasters, shooting lessons with Professor Cottrol, athletic training with two other professors, items of clothing from Professor Sirulnik, and the SBA President's beer mug – everyone was trashed by that point.

**I'm sure they were. See you there.**

### Beginning Next Week...Say Hello to Ron and John

As all of you undoubtedly remember from last issue, Bill and Ted are no longer with us. After a diligent search that lasted about three weeks, the *Nota Bene* staff has found their replacements. What makes these guys unique is that they're real. That's right boys and girls, I hate to tell you, but Bill and Ted were fictional characters. Now that I'm on the subject, Santa Claus isn't real, the Easter Bunny is a fake, and the Tooth Fairy is just a mechanism that makes you feel better about bleeding all over your pillow in the middle of the night. That being said, the new advice columnists for 2002-2003 will be Ronald (Ron) Nichols and Jonathan (John) Barnett.

Ron Nichols is a 3L hailing from Clearwater, Florida. He graduated in 1999 from Boston University with degrees in Political Science and Marketing. He is interested in corporate law and litigation and said that he came to law school "to get some tail." He has been sorely disappointed. He is not an avid reader of the *Nota Bene* but is very excited to join the team and create an entertaining advice column that many people will look for-

ward to reading every issue.

John Barnett is a 2L originally from Reno, Nevada. He graduated in 1998 from UNLV with a B.A. in Sociology. He has a Masters Degree in Sociology from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. After attaining his Masters Degree, John worked in the mental health system of his hometown Reno, but soon became disenchanted, he said. He came to law school because he felt his degrees were "f\*&%ing worthless" and that he would be better able to serve those he was trained to help with a law degree. He would like to ultimately work in the public interest sector upon graduation. He and Ron became close friends last year and John is looking forward to "really opening people's minds with this thing."

Ron and John would like to encourage any students with questions or concerns to please e-mail them to the *Nota Bene* at [notabene@law.gwu.edu](mailto:notabene@law.gwu.edu). Everything will remain anonymous and they claim that no one will be embarrassed unless they feel the need to do so.



## News

## The Wonder Years

By BRANDON BRISCOE  
Staff Writer

The 456 students in this year's 1L class made history before they arrived on campus. Applications for the incoming class increased by twenty-seven percent, the average GPA rose from last year's 3.47 to 3.49, and the median LSAT score rose one point to 164. And for the first time in history, the females in GW's first-year class outnumber the males.

Although the numbers reflect national trends, GW is ahead of the curve, said Robert Stanek, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. Of the 89,000 people who applied to law school last year, 10,774 applied to GW. While applications to law schools increased seventeen percent compared to last year, GW alone saw a twenty-seven percent increase in its applications.

"We have probably the second-largest application volume in the country," said Stanek, who noted that Georgetown collected more than 11,000 applications last year. Stanek said GW has strengths that appeal to prospective students. "In general,

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Carolyn Aneiro agreed, citing both as reasons she chose to become a GW 1L this year. "I think GW has a better national reputation than other schools, and D.C. is certainly a good place to study law," Aneiro said she narrowed her decision down to GW and Fordham University because she felt schools in major metropolitan areas like Washington and New York offered better educational and professional opportunities. "People who have been out of school working probably understand the advantages of going to school in a major metro[politan area]," she said. Stanek echoed Aneiro's assessment. "Ours is an institution that attracts people who have been out of school for a year or more," he said. And why is that? "Washington, D.C.," he replied. "From a practical standpoint, we're located in the best place to study law," he said.

Stanek said students applying to law schools directly from undergraduate school tend to base their decisions on the reputations of undergraduate institutions, whereas applicants who have work experience tend to scrutinize a number of factors. "It takes someone with a little more experience to fully realize how advantageous it is to study in this kind of environment," he said. 1L Victor Hendrickson concurred. "I did a ton of research," he said. "I spent a lot of time in the bookstore reading law school reviews. I really wanted to make sure I was going to the law school that was best for me." That detailed research led him to avoid a path taken by many students who apply to GW. "I didn't even apply to Georgetown," he said, "because based on my research I thought it was an atmosphere I wouldn't have liked." Several Georgetown students complained about a super-competitive atmosphere and an uncaring administration, he said.

Hendrickson and Aneiro were part of last year's massive increase in law school applicants. Stanek said the slumping

economy was driving the surge, noting that law school is an attractive option because it does not require the specific undergraduate coursework or work experience as required by medical and MBA programs.

Stanek said the growth shows no signs of slowing. He reported that registration for this year's June LSAT rose eighteen percent over last year's figure and the October LSAT registration is up twenty-five percent. And while it's no surprise that applications increase when the economy turns sour, Stanek said he was caught off guard by one factor. The September 11th attacks had little impact on the application process, he said. "I expected it to have an impact in application volume in terms of a decline," said Stanek, "and that didn't happen." Stanek said a few personal statements discussed where applicants were at the time

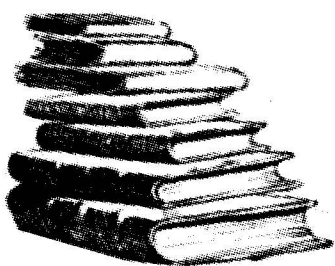
of the attacks, but that he had expected to see more mention of the events than he did.

Hendrickson said he did not mention the attacks in his essay, although he was in New York at the time and wrote a story for his hometown newspaper about his experience. "I specifically left out my September 11th experi-

ence because I thought a lot of people might be using that because it played to the sympathy of the admission committee," he said. Both Hendrickson and Aneiro agreed that the attacks had little impact on their decision to choose GW, something else that surprised Stanek. "I was afraid that even though the application volume went up, students would choose not to attend," he said.

Not only did students decide to come, but GW filled its class by offering only 1,996 acceptances, down from 2,048 two years ago. What's more, most of those who matriculated are female. "For the first time in our history, there more females than males in the entering class," said Stanek, who noted that this was a national trend. "More females are applying to law schools, and more are going." One of those in this new female majority felt the pressure of the overall increase in applications. "I applied to a broad range of schools because I knew it was going to be a toss up with so many people applying," said Aneiro. "Even if I fell in the zone where I should definitely be accepted at a school, I couldn't rely on that."

However, one incoming student is facing a larger obstacle. Stanek said a student who has been admitted to the first year class is still in Morocco, awaiting a visa. Another student has withdrawn, accounting for the two-person error in some reports of the total size of the entering class, said Stanek. But the 456 1Ls present and accounted for are an impressive lot who stand to make GW even more attractive to future applicants who will no doubt share Hendrickson's well-researched assessment. "GW has a great reputation," he said, "but what I really liked was the overall vibe."



## Laptops for Finals, Bluebooks Feared Obsolete

By ALEXANDER SAUNDERS  
Staff Writer

The option to use laptops for final exams will become more and more commonplace starting this semester. This fall marks the first semester at GW that all professors administering essay exams will have the choice of allowing students to use their PC's on finals. Now that classrooms have all been outfitted with power outlets and a suitable software program has been selected, using laptops to type out a test will be a real option for many students. A few classes have already tried out the new test-taking method.

Last spring, four professors agreed to a pilot program in which they would offer students

the choice of taking final exams on their computers. The software GW has adopted, Extegrity, blocks the students' computer except for a simple word processing program. Using this program, students are able to write out their exams without resorting to the blue books. The program automatically saves the work every ten seconds on the computer's hard drive. At the end of the exam, the students' tests are saved onto floppy disk. From these disks, a print out of the exam is made and submitted to the professor for grading. Professors Mary Cheh, Todd Peterson, John Banzhaf and Steven Schooner all took part in the spring pilot program.

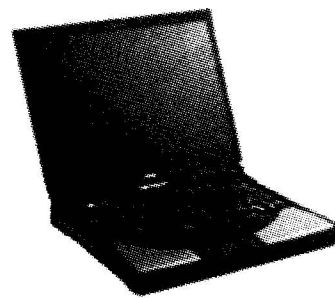
"I thought the exam software test program was a huge success, at least in my section," said Schooner. He said that a very

high percentage of his first-year Contracts students took advantage of the new option, estimating that as many as 80% used their computers to take final exams. "I heard very few complaints and lots of rave reviews from the students," Schooner added. He also felt that it was a great advantage for students who may be unaccustomed to writing for hours at a time or who have poor handwriting.

Roseanne O'Hara, director of the Student Administrative Services, reported that there were no technical problems with the pilot program. "We're responding to the students' request for this," said O'Hara. "Hopefully, all faculty who will be administering essay-type or short answer exams this fall will permit the use of

laptops," she stated. O'Hara added that some exams which are take-home or multiple-choice will not be affected by the new option. A complete list of professors who will allow the use of computers for this semester's final exams will be available by the end of this month.

With all the classrooms ready and capable of supporting the use of laptops, it's likely that writing final exams on the computer will be an option that both teachers and students increasingly take advantage of. According to Schooner, "most students relished the opportunity to use laptops." "As more students have access to laptops, I think we'll see more examples of how technology in the classroom can enhance the learning process," he said.



## Politics as Usual

By BRANDON MOSS  
News Editor

Despite the background of a seemingly unusual election in the District, many law students were not aware, or interested in what was occurring in local politics. The research undertaken for this story reveals that many, if not most, GW law students are registered to vote in other parts of the country, including New York, New Jersey, Illinois, and just about anywhere else but here.

George Stauffer, a 1L, followed the recent political activities in the District, even though he is not a D.C. resident. Still, Stauffer was "not sure on how the D.C. government influences [life at the] Law School." President of the GW Law Democrats, Aaron Tax, a 3L, "certainly [didn't] think that many people here [at the Law School] were to energized about the mayoral primary." Regarding the Law School's seeming indifference to the election, Tax said that few people actually voted, in part because "it wasn't exactly an exciting race, and half the students here probably aren't even registered in the District."

For those not aware of what has been going on, a seemingly unstoppable freight train known as Mayor Anthony Williams was derailed in August when it appeared that numerous signatures on his election ballot petition for the Democratic primary were forged. In fact, United Nations General Secretary Kofi Annan, who is neither a citizen of the District nor the United

States, apparently signed the petition to put Mayor Williams' name on the ballot. As a result, Mayor Williams, who at one point was virtually guaranteed of his re-election, was removed from the ballot and forced to launch a write-in campaign.

There were five challengers in the Democratic primary for mayor; only one of them was viewed as a credible threat, Anacostia minister Willie F. Wilson, who bore the support of former mayor Marion Barry. The campaigning, however, was still intense. Stauffer saw mudslinging firsthand when he got off at the Foggy Bottom station and encountered campaign workers handed out flyers while on his way to class. One of the flyers that Stauffer came across, from unsuccessful candidate Douglas Moore, threatened voters with a hearing or a stay in jail by choosing to write-in a candidate.

Nevertheless, over ninety percent of the votes cast on the day of the primary, September 10th, were write-in votes. Mayor Williams received over 61,000 votes, while his closest challenger, Wilson, received more than 20,000 votes. The Washington Post recently discovered that some of the other candidates receiving write-in votes included Elmer Fudd, Mickey Mouse, and Baby New York.

Perhaps one of the successful techniques that worked for the Williams campaign, which paid a \$250,000 fine for the forgery scandal after winning the primary.



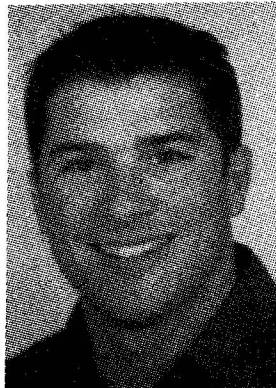
# First Year Section SBA Representative Candidates

## Section 11



Stefano Formica

I promise to have a new top ten list every time I speak to you - but other than that: I promise I will do the best job I can. Vote for whoever your heart tells you, but if your heart tells you to vote for Stefano ... thank you!!



Javier Lopez

As the SBA representative, I look forward to providing many social activities for section 11 members to get to know each other better. I also look forward to voicing the concerns of the section to the SBA. I definitely have experience in this area being that I was the social chair in college as well as being the first Cuban regional representative for Harvard in Washington. Also, and most importantly, I have become aware of the fact that I would be working with Prof. Banzhaf closely, I couldn't even begin to imagine anything more fun than that.



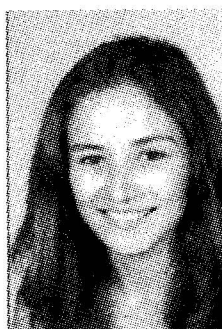
Russ Thirsk

My name is Russ Thirsk, and I am running for SBA 1L rep for Section 11. My goals in running for Section 11 rep are twofold. First, I want to develop opportunities for students to get to know others within their section and from other sections; through social events and volunteer activities. Secondly, it is important to me that the SBA represent the best interests of the students to the GWU Administration. This includes issues such as class size and the facilities and opportunities available to us. Thank you.



Stephanie Roy

No statement provided.



Jane Yanovsky

I am a 2001 graduate of Northwestern University, and spent the past year working in an immigration law firm in Chicago. As the SBA representative for Section 11, I hope to be able to address any issues and concerns that will come up throughout the year. One of the main concerns that I want to work on as the liaison between the students, the student government, and faculty and administration of the Law School is getting the hours at the library extended, and I am very open to any suggestions from my classmates.



Shanna Singh

Issue: Who should you vote for for Section 11 SBA rep? Rule: The SBA rep should be someone with leadership experience who can stand up for your needs and help you make the most out of DC. Application: Shanna Singh got a lot of leadership experience while working in the Senate, where standing up for people's needs was part of her job. She's lived in DC for a couple of years and has lots of ideas for great Section 11 activities. Conclusion: You should vote for Shanna Singh for Section 11 SBA rep.



Michelle Yahng

As Section 11's SBA Representative, I want to ensure that our section is involved in school decisions that affect our daily lives. As first year students, I believe we bring a new perspective and energy to the academic and social life at GW. It is my hope that I can represent your ideas to the SBA, and make changes in our school environment for the better. I also look forward to organizing many different types of activities where we can get to know each other outside of classes.



Janae Lepir

As an SBA rep I will work hard to keep my fellow classmates informed about law school issues and faculty and administration-related announcements. In turn, I will be sure that our section and the interests of the first-year class are represented effectively to the rest of the law school community. I would also like to work with the SBA reps from other sections to plan activities and outings that will help all of us get to know our fellow classmates a bit better. This is an exciting time for all of us and I would like the opportunity to help make this a great first year great of law school for everyone.

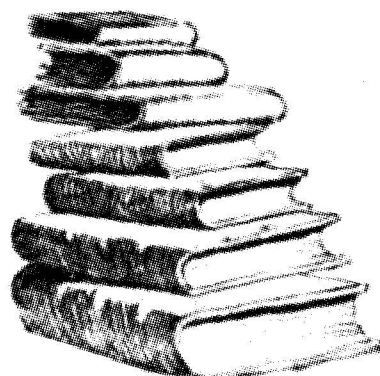


Deborah Motyka

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## Evening Section

No candidates listed.



Sarah Hensley

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# First Year Section SBA Representative Candidates

## Section 13



Faye Eisen

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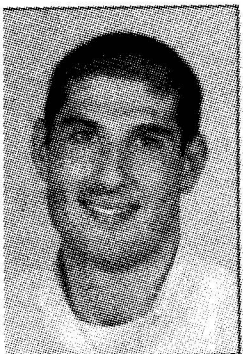
Kristi Sims

I am the best candidate for the section 13 representative because I have seven years of student government experience, am friendly, responsible, and capable of representing the variety of interests of my fellow section members. Although we are in law school and have to devote most of our time to studying, there must be a balance of going out, having fun, and getting to know each other. I would love the opportunity to make our first year of law school an enjoyable and memorable experience.



Rebecca Carvalho

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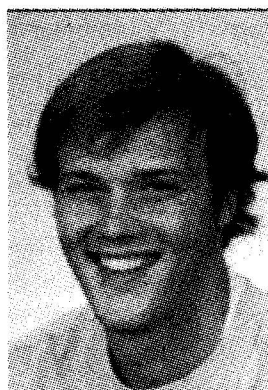
Frank Scanduto

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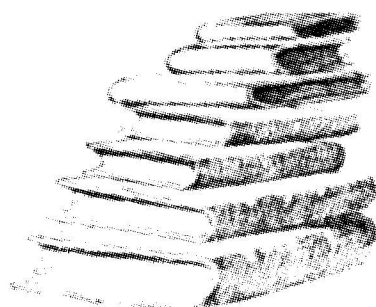
Christina Hughes

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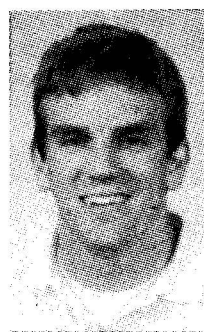


Matthew Malone

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## Section 12



James Cosgrove

I am a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and spent last year in Chile on a Fulbright Grant researching indigenous political development. My background as a Navy brat and international travels make me an ideal "representative"; throughout my life I have had the opportunity to grow and learn with people of many different cultures. Accordingly, as the SBA representative for section 12, I plan to facilitate social interaction not only among the sections of the 1L class but also within the law school and other graduate and professional programs within the George Washington University community. Ideally, with the help of my section-mates, I will be able to develop a diverse social program that promotes cultural awareness events in addition to section parties that will be remembered as the happiest of hours.



Ashley Rahn

As the SBA rep for section 12 I would give my classmates a forum for suggestions to the SBA and plan fun events for them to enjoy. I would survey the class on their interests and plan events that they would want to attend: SLOSH BALL and other inter section sports, bowling nights, pool competitions, section happy hours, nights out dancing, trips or whatever. Plus it would provide me with a great reason to procrastinate on my school work!



Matt Zabel

Being our SBA rep is a straightforward job: the basic function is to be the section's link to the faculty and SBA. Whether there is cheap bar review wanted a problem with a fellow student constantly asking many questions, need to organize a review class, etc., the rep is the one who listens and tries to get it done. I would like to be the one who listens and tries to get it done.



Dawn Goodman

Having held leadership positions in both undergrad and the professional arena, I pride myself in leading by collaboration. This skill will be especially necessary in the role of SBA Representative. As the section's liaison to SBA, it would be my job to ensure each person an equal and influential voice as we look for ways to positively impact our law school. To do so, I will commit myself to being attentive to all problems and suggestions and efficient in searching for and communicating answers. Elect me for your 1L Representative and I will work with you both academically and socially to make this year a rewarding and memorable one.



Christina Rodriguez

Hey! My name's Christina Rodriguez, SBA Rep. candidate for section 12. I just graduated from the University of Maryland, where I was very active on campus. I was President of several student organizations, so I know what it takes to manage time efficiently and keep an open line of communication with students, faculty, and staff. Also, I was social chair and vice president of my sorority, so I have a lot of experience planning social events, especially in the DC area. I've been to a lot of the bars, know some of the bartenders, and plan to find out where the great specials are, so that I can plan some awesome happy hours for section 12! I'd also like to plan events with other sections and student groups, and work with the SBA on making this year an incredible experience for all of us!



Evelyn Korte

No statement provided.

### ELECTION SCHEDULE

Section 11: Civ Procedure Rm. L201 (9AM)

Section 12: Civ Procedure Rm. L301 (10AM)

Section 13: Torts Rm. L301 (11AM)

Section 14: Torts Rm. L302 (11:45AM)

Information provided by Allyson Martinez, SBA Election Chair



**Do you want influence?**

**Do you want money?**

**Do you want ... power?**



*De', president of GW Law, hanging with GW Bush.*

**Well, maybe you can't be as powerful as De', but you could seek money and influence writing for the Nota Bene!**

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